



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

2300 Lake Elmo Drive
Billings, MT 59105

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TO: Environmental Quality Council
Director's Office, Dept. of Environmental Quality
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks*

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

A draft Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared for stocking a pond on private land approximately 4 miles south of Bridger, MT, in exchange for public fishing access. The draft EA was circulated for 14 days to interested agencies, groups, and persons, and was posted on the Fish, Wildlife & Parks for that same period ending August 27, 2008.

One comment received from the Montana State Historic Preservation Office noted that no previously recorded cultural sites were found within the project locale. Should any cultural materials be found, we would contact their office.

After reviewing this proposal, it is my decision to proceed with this project to stock the pond with largemouth bass and rainbow trout as part of a one-year agreement with possibility of renewal. If you have any questions regarding this decision notice or wish a copy of the final EA, you may email me at ghammond@mt.gov, or call Jim Darling at 247-2961.

Sincerely,

Gary Hammond
Regional Supervisor